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Merchant Mariners Documents
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Effective February 3, 2003, the Coast Guard suspended renewing and issuing Merchant Mariners' Documents (MMDs) using the previously issued form and has begun renewing and reissuing MMDs using a new form. The new MMD form is more tamper-resistant and facilitates verification of an MMD holder's identity, citizenship, and qualifications to work aboard U.S.-flagged vessels. MMDs in the new form (CG- 2838 [Rev 09/02]) will enhance maritime security.

The Coast Guard will make every effort to effect a smooth and easy transition from the previously issued form to the new form. Mariners may encounter delays incident to the new processes' going into practice and the delays may persist for some weeks. Holders and new applicants seeking re-issuance, renewal, and original issuance of their MMDs should inquire at their nearest Regional Exam Center, or contact Mr. Donald Kerlin at the National Maritime Center, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 630, Arlington, VA 22203-1804, Phone (202) 493-1006.

If you would like a copy of the full text of the Federal Register Notice it can be found at the following website or by contacting our office at (313) 568-9580.

Website:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-4145.pdf>

Sincerely,

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